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Brokenwood Cabernet Merlot 2005
Brokenwood Graveyard Shiraz 2007
Brokenwood ILR Semillon 2004
Brokenwood Rayner Vineyard Shiraz 2005
Brokenwood Semillon 2007
Brokenwood Hunter Valley Shiraz 2005



2005 Brokenwood Cabernet Merlot **89 Points**

"Floral and earthy, with sweet, juicy flavours of small black and red berries backed by cedar/vanilla oak and underlying notes of currants and dried herbs, this smooth, vibrant and spirited young cabernet blend is underpinned by a fine, dusty spine of coarse linen tannins. It builds in weight and intensity towards the finish, becoming richly flavoured and sumptuously textured, but does reveal a warm, spirited presence of excessive alcohol."

2007 Brokenwood Graveyard Shiraz **96 Points**

"An elegant, medium to full-bodied Hunter classic. Its smoky, floral bouquet of wild, brambly plums, cherries and blackberries, and fresh new cedary oak reveals musky, spicy undertones and a hit of liqueur chocolate. Building in weight and intensity towards a sumptuous and savoury crescendo, the palate is dark, meaty and smoky, with a fabulous length of sour-edged fruit backed by nuances of roast chestnuts, tar and bramble."

2003 Brokenwood ILR Reserve Semillon **95 Points**

"Smooth, sumptuous and deeply fruited, this beautifully composed Semillon has a mineral bouquet of lemon sherbet, honeydew melon, lime and chalky undertones backed by suggestions of camphor and smokiness. Beginning to show some toastiness, it's long and deeply flavoured, with a powerful presence of melon and lime extending well down the palate towards a nutty, savoury finish. Finely balanced and ready to flower with further development."

2005 Brokenwood Rayner Vineyard Shiraz **91 Points**

"A smooth, polished shiraz whose intense, brambly flavours of raspberries, redcurrants, cherries and plums are backed by meaty, spicy complexity and sweet vanilla/cedar oak. Its earthy, floral bouquet has a ripe, jammy intensity, with undertones of mint and cranberry. Slightly confectionery and darker-fruited, its supple, fine-grained palate finishes long and persistent, with lingering notes of five spice and licorice."

2007 Brokenwood Semillon **90 Points**

"A delicate, tobaccoey fragrance of white flowers, melon and lemon precedes a long, fresh and vibrant palate whose piercing varietal fruit is underpinned by fine, chalky phenolics and tightly focused around racy, refreshing acids. It's long, lean and vibrant, with delightful regional tautness and focus."

2005 Brokenwood Shiraz **93 Points**

"An elegant, finely structured and intensely flavoured shiraz whose lightly smoky and spicy aromas of dark cherries, plums and cigarbox, vanilla French oak reveal meaty and chocolatey undertones. Medium to full in weight, it's ripe and juicy, with a pleasing length of fruit supported by fine, dry tannins. It finishes with a suggestion of mint and menthol, with a lingering note of smoked bacon."

2006 Brokenwood Wade Block 2 Shiraz **94 Points**

"Very pretty, measured and seamless, with a fragrance of violets, cassis, raspberries, dark cherries and sweet plums tightly knit with polished cedar/vanilla/chocolate oak and backed by spicy, meaty suggestions of walnut and pepper. Supple and silky, its long, even palate of vibrant fruit and smooth oak overlies a fine-grained spine of crunchy tannin, finishing with a lingering core of fruit and a hint of spirited warmth."